# Some bicyclic antiautomorphisms of directed triple systems

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#### Abstract

A transitive triple, (a, b, c), is defined to be the set  $\{(a, b), (b, c), (a, c)\}$ of ordered pairs. A directed triple system of order v, DTS(v), is a pair  $(D, \beta)$ , where D is a set of v points and  $\beta$  is a collection of transitive triples of pairwise distinct points of D such that any ordered pair of distinct points of D is contained in precisely one transitive triple of  $\beta$ . An antiautomorphism of a directed triple system,  $(D, \beta)$ , is a permutation of D which maps  $\beta$  to  $\beta^{-1}$ , where  $\beta^{-1} = \{(c, b, a) \mid (a, b, c) \in \beta\}$ . In this paper we give necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a directed triple system of order v admitting an antiautomorphism consisting of two cycles, where one cycle is twice the length of the other.

### 1 Introduction

A Steiner triple system of order v, STS(v), is a pair  $(S, \beta)$ , where S is a set of v points and  $\beta$  is a collection of 3-element subsets of S, called *blocks*, such that any pair of distinct points of S is contained in precisely one block of  $\beta$ . Kirkman [6] showed that there is an STS(v) if and only if  $v \equiv 1$  or 3 (mod 6) or v = 0.

An automorphism of  $(S, \beta)$  is a permutation of S which maps  $\beta$  to itself. An automorphism,  $\alpha$ , of  $(S, \beta)$  is called *cyclic* if the permutation defined by  $\alpha$  consists of a single cycle of length v. Peltesohn [10] proved that an STS(v) having a cyclic automorphism exists if and only if  $v \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{6}$  and  $v \neq 9$ . An automorphism,  $\alpha$ , of  $(S, \beta)$  is called *bicyclic* if the permutation defined by  $\alpha$  consists of two cycles. Calahan-Zijlstra and Gardner [1] have shown that there exists an STS(v) admitting a bicyclic automorphism having cycles of length M and N, with  $1 < M \leq N$ , if and only if  $M \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{6}$ ,  $M \neq 9$ , M|N, and  $M + N \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{6}$ .

A transitive triple, (a, b, c), is defined to be the set  $\{(a, b), (b, c), (a, c)\}$  of ordered pairs. A directed triple system of order v, DTS(v), is a pair  $(D, \beta)$ , where D is a set of v points and  $\beta$  is a collection of transitive triples of pairwise distinct points of D, called triples, such that any ordered pair of distinct points of D is contained in precisely one element of  $\beta$ . Hung and Mendelsohn [4] have shown that necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a DTS(v) are that  $v \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 3).

For a DTS(v),  $(D, \beta)$ , we define  $\beta^{-1}$  by  $\beta^{-1} = \{(c, b, a) \mid (a, b, c) \in \beta\}$ . Then  $(D, \beta^{-1})$  is a DTS(v) and is called the *converse* of  $(D, \beta)$ . A DTS(v) which is isomorphic to its converse is said to be *self-converse*. Kang, Chang, and Yang [5] have shown that a self-converse DTS(v) exists if and only if  $v \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 3) and  $v \neq 6$ . An *automorphism* of  $(D, \beta)$  is a permutation of D which maps  $\beta$  to itself. An *antiautomorphism* of  $(D, \beta)$  is a permutation of D which maps  $\beta$  to  $\beta^{-1}$ . Clearly, a DTS(v) is self-converse if and only if it admits an antiautomorphism.

An automorphism,  $\alpha$ , on a DTS(v) is called *d*-cyclic if the permutation defined by  $\alpha$  consists of a single cycle of length d and v - d fixed points. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a DTS(v) admitting a *d*-cyclic automorphism have been given by Micale and Pennisi [8]. An automorphism,  $\alpha$ , on a DTS(v) is called *f*-bicyclic if the permutation defined by  $\alpha$  consists of two cycles each of length N = (v - f)/2 and f fixed points. Micale and Pennisi [7] have given conditions for the existence of f-bicyclic directed triple systems.

An antiautomorphism,  $\alpha$ , on a DTS(v) is called *d-cyclic* if the permutation defined by  $\alpha$  consists of a single cycle of length d and v - d fixed points. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a DTS(v) admitting a *d*-cyclic antiautomorphism have been given by Carnes, Dye, and Reed [2]. We call an antiautomorphism,  $\alpha$ , on a DTS(v) *f-bicyclic* if the permutation defined by  $\alpha$  consists of two cycles each of length N = (v - f)/2 and f fixed points. A *bicyclic* antiautomorphism of a DTS(v) is an antiautomorphism,  $\alpha$ , which consists of two cycles of length M and N respectively, where v = M + N. Carnes, Dye, and Reed [3] gave necessary and sufficient conditions for the case where M = N.

We now consider the case where N > M.

### 2 Preliminaries

If K is the length of a cycle,  $K \in \{M, N\}$ , we let the cycles be  $(0_i, 1_i, 2_i, \ldots, (K-1)_i)$ ,  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $\Delta = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, (K-1)\}$ . We shall use all additions modulo K in the triples. For  $a_i, b_j, c_k \in D$ ,  $i, j, k \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $(a_i, b_j, c_k) \in \beta$ , let the *orbit* of  $(a_i, b_j, c_k)$  be  $\{((a + t)_i, (b + t)_j, (c + t)_k) \mid t \in \Delta, t \text{ even}\} \cup \{((c + t)_k, (b + t)_j, (a + t)_i) \mid t \in \Delta, t \text{ odd}\}$ . Clearly, the orbits of the elements of  $\beta$  yield a partition of  $\beta$ .

We say that a collection of triples,  $\overline{\beta}$ , is a collection of *base triples* of a DTS(v) under  $\alpha$  if the orbits of the triples of  $\overline{\beta}$  produce  $\beta$  and exactly one triple of each orbit occurs in  $\overline{\beta}$ . Also, we say that the *reverse* of the triple (a, b, c) is the triple (c, b, a).

Let  $(S, \beta')$  be an STS(v). Let  $\beta = \{(a, b, c), (c, b, a) \mid \{a, b, c\} \in \beta'\}$ . Then  $(S, \beta)$  is called the *corresponding* DTS(v), and the identity map on the point set is an antiautomorphism. This yields a self-converse DTS(v) for  $v \equiv 1$  or 3 (mod 6). For  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  the cyclic STS(v) from Peltesohn's constructions [10] has no orbits of length less than v, hence the corresponding DTS(v) admits a cyclic antiautomorphism.

In the constructions of the base triples, we also use the following systems. An

(A, n)-system is a collection of ordered pairs  $(a_r, b_r)$  for r = 1, 2, ..., n that partition the set  $\{1, 2, ..., 2n\}$ , such that  $b_r = a_r + r$  for r = 1, 2, ..., n. Skolem [11] showed that an (A, n)-system exists if and only if  $n \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 4). A (B, n)-system is a collection of ordered pairs  $(a_r, b_r)$  for r = 1, 2, ..., n that partition the set  $\{1, 2, ..., 2n - 1, 2n + 1\}$ , such that  $b_r = a_r + r$  for r = 1, 2, ..., n. O'Keefe [9] showed that a (B, n)-system exists if and only if  $n \equiv 2$  or 3 (mod 4). In either case, the triples used in the constructions will be of the form  $(0_i, (a_r + n)_i, (b_r + n)_i)$ for r = 1, 2, ..., n, where i = 0 in the cycle of length M and i = 1 in the cycle of length N.

#### **3** Necessary conditions

The types of cyclic triples possible are:

1) Type 1:  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  where  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  are in the cycle of length M;

2) Type 2:  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  where  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  are in the cycle of length N;

3) Type 3:  $(x_0, y_1, z_1)$  or  $(y_1, x_0, z_1)$  or  $(y_1, z_1, x_0)$  where  $x_0$  is in the cycle of length M and  $y_1, z_1$  are in the cycle of length N;

4) Type 4:  $(x_0, y_0, z_1)$  or  $(x_0, z_1, y_0)$  or  $(z_1, x_0, y_0)$  where  $x_0, y_0$  are in the cycle of length M and  $z_1$  is in the cycle of length N.

**Lemma 3.1** If a DTS(v) admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism with cycles of length M and N, where 1 < M < N, and a type 4 triple occurs, then M is odd and N = 2M.

*Proof.* If the triple  $(x_0, y_0, z_1)$  occurs and M is even, then  $\alpha^M((x_0, y_0, z_1)) = (x_0, y_0, (z + M)_1)$ . But then z + M = z, so that N|M, a contradiction.

If the triple  $(x_0, y_0, z_1)$  occurs and M is odd, then  $\alpha^{2M}((x_0, y_0, z_1)) = (x_0, y_0, (z + 2M)_1)$ . But then z + 2M = z, so that N = 2M.

The proof is similar for the other type 4 triples.

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $(D,\beta)$  be a DTS(v) admitting a bicyclic antiautomorphism, where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles. Then If M is even,  $M \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$ .

*Proof*: Let  $a_0, b_0, c_0 \in D$ . Then  $\alpha^M(a_0, b_0, c_0) = (a_0, b_0, c_0)$ . Also if two points of a triple are in the cycle of length M, then all three must be, otherwise there would be two distinct triples with a common ordered pair after applying  $\alpha^M$ , a contradiction. Hence we have a cyclic subsystem. Carnes, Dye, and Reed have shown in Lemmas 1 and 2 of [2] that if M is even then  $M \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$ .

**Lemma 3.3** If a DTS(v) admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism with cycles of length M and N, where 1 < M < N, then M|N.

*Proof*: For  $N \neq 2M$  a type 3 triple must occur. Without loss of generality, assume the triple  $(x_0, y_1, z_1)$  occurs.

If N is even, we have  $\alpha^N((x_0, y_1, z_1)) = ((x + N)_0, y_1, z_1)$ . But then x + N = x, so that M|N.

If N is odd, then  $\alpha^{2N}((x_0, y_1, z_1)) = ((x + 2N)_0, y_1, z_1)$ . But then x + 2N = x, so that M|2N. In the case where M is odd, we have M|N. In the case where M is even, we must have  $M \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$ . Since M|2N we have that N is even, a contradiction.

In the remainder of this paper we consider the case where N = 2M.

#### 4 M even

**Lemma 4.1** If v = M + N, N = 2M, and  $M \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$ , there exists a DTS(v) which admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles.

*Proof*: Let M = 12k + 4, N = 24k + 8.

For k = 0 the base triples are  $(0_1, 4_1, 2_1)$ , and the following with their reverses:  $(0_0, 0_1, 3_1), (0_0, 1_1, 2_1)$ , and the triples for a cycle of length 4 in [2].

For  $k \ge 1$  the base triples are  $(0_1, (12k+4)_1, (6k+2)_1)$ , along with the following and their reverses:

 $(0_0, (6k - t + 1)_1, (6k + t + 2)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 6k + 1$ ,  $(0_1, (6k - 2t)_1, (6k + 2t + 4)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, k - 1$ ,  $(0_1, (10k - 2t + 2)_1, (10k + 2t + 4)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, k - 1$ , and the triples for a cycle of length M in [2].

## 5 M odd

**Lemma 5.1** If v = M + N and  $M \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ , there exists a DTS(v) which admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles.

*Proof*: Let M = 12k + 1, N = 24k + 2.

For k = 0 the base triples are  $(0_1, 0_0, 1_1)$  and  $(1_1, 0_0, 0_1)$ .

For  $k \ge 2$ , k even, the base triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 0_0, (12k + 1)_1)$ ,

 $(0_0, (3k-t)_1, (9k+t+1)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k-1$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k-t)_1, (15k+t+2)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k-1$ ,

and the triples in the cycle of length M from the corresponding DTS(M) of a cyclic STS(M). The remaining triples in the cycle of length N are formed using an (A, 2k)-system.

For k = 1 the base triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, 0_0, 13_1), (0_0, 1_1, 12_1), (0_0, 2_1, 11_1), (0_0, 7_1, 19_1), (0_0, 8_1, 18_1), (0_0, 9_1, 17_1),$ 

 $(0_0, 10_1, 16_1)$ , and the triples in the cycle of length 13 from the corresponding DTS(13) of a cyclic STS(13). The remaining triples in the cycle of length N are formed using a (B, 2)-system.

For  $k \ge 3$ , k odd, the base triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 0_0, (12k + 1)_1)$ ,

 $(0_0, (3k - t - 1)_1, (9k + t + 2)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \ldots, 3k - 2$ ,  $(0_0, (9k - t + 1)_1, (15k + t + 1)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \ldots, 3k$ , and the triples in the cycle of length M from the corresponding DTS(M) of a cyclic STS(M). The remaining triples in the cycle of length N are formed using a (B, 2k)system.

**Lemma 5.2** If v = M + N and  $M \equiv 3 \pmod{12}$ , there exists a DTS(v) which admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles.

 $\begin{array}{l} Proof: \mbox{ Let } M = 12k+3, \ N = 24k+6. \\ \mbox{ For } k = 0, \mbox{ the base triples are the following:} \\ (0_1, 2_0, 3_1), (3_1, 2_0, 0_1), (0_1, 1_1, 2_1), (0_0, 1_0, 3_1), (0_0, 2_1, 0_1). \\ \mbox{ For } k \geq 2, \ k \ even, \ the \ base \ triples \ include \ the following:} \\ (0_0, (6k+1)_0, (12k+2)_1), (0_0, (6k+1)_1, (18k+3)_1), (0_0, (24k+5)_1, (6k)_1), \\ (0_0, (18k+6)_1, (6k+2)_1), (1_0, (12k+2)_1, (6k+3)_1), (0_0, (6k+3)_1, (12k+1)_1), \\ ((6k-1)_1, 0_1, (6k+1)_1), (0_1, (6k-2)_1, (6k)_1)). \\ \mbox{ Also included are \ the following \ triples \ and \ their \ reverses:} \end{array}$ 

 $(0_1, (12k+2)_0, (12k+3)_1), (0_0, 2_1, (12k+3)_1), (0_1, (12k-1)_1, (24k-1)_1), (24k-1)$ 

 $(0_0, (3k-t)_1, (9k+t+3)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k-3$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k - t + 2)_1, (15k + t + 4)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k - 2$ .

The remaining triples in the cycle of length M are formed using an (A, 2k)-system. For k = 2, the remaining triples are the following:

 $(1_1, 5_1, 13_1), (0_1, 8_1, 9_1), (1_1, 6_1, 10_1), (0_1, 5_1, 6_1), (1_1, 4_1, 7_1).$ 

For  $k \ge 4$ , k even, the base triples also include the following:

 $((6k)_1, 6_1, 0_1), (0_1, 3_1, 6_1), (0_1, (3k - 3)_1, (6k - 6)_1).$ 

For k = 4 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, 15_1, 16_1), (0_1, 13_1, 17_1), (0_1, 14_1, 19_1), (0_1, 12_1, 20_1), (0_1, 11_1, 21_1).$ 

For k = 6, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

- $(0_1, 25_1, 26_1), (0_1, 17_1, 21_1), (0_1, 24_1, 29_1), (0_1, 18_1, 27_1), (0_1, 20_1, 31_1),$
- $(0_1, 16_1, 28_1), (0_1, 19_1, 32_1), (0_1, 14_1, 22_1), (0_1, 23_1, 33_1).$

For  $k \ge 8$ , k even, the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (4k-1)_1, (6k-3)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (3k - t - 4)_1, (3k + t + 4)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, k - 6$ .

For k = 8 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, 33_1, 44_1), (0_1, 34_1, 43_1), (0_1, 35_1, 36_1), (0_1, 23_1, 27_1), (0_1, 32_1, 37_1),$ 

 $(0_1, 26_1, 39_1), (0_1, 25_1, 40_1), (0_1, 24_1, 41_1), (0_1, 22_1, 38_1).$ 

For  $k \ge 10$ ,  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (5k-5)_1, (5k-4)_1), (0_1, (3k-1)_1, (3k+3)_1), (0_1, (5k-6)_1, (5k-1)_1), \\ (0_1, (3k)_1, (5k-3)_1), (0_1, (3k+2)_1, (5k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k-2)_1, (5k-2)_1), \\ (0_1, (3k+1)_1, (5k+2)_1), \\ (0_1, (5k-3t-8)_1, (5k+3t+5)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-9}{3}, \\ (0_1, (5k-3t-7)_1, (5k+3t+4)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-9}{3}, \\ (0_1, (5k-3t-9)_1, (5k+3t)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-9}{3}. \end{array}$ 

For  $k \ge 10, k \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$  the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (5k-5)_1, (5k-4)_1), (0_1, (3k-1)_1, (3k+3)_1), (0_1, (5k-8)_1, (5k-3)_1), (0_1, (5k-1)_1), (0_1, (5$  $(0_1, (3k+2)_1, (5k-1)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1, (5k)_1), (0_1, (3k)_1, (5k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k)_1, (5k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1, (5k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1, (3k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1, (3k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1, (3k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1, (3k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1), (0$  $(0_1, (3k-2)_1, (5k-2)_1),$  $\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (5k-3t-7)_1, (5k+3t+4)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-8}{3}, \\ (0_1, (5k-3t-6)_1, (5k+3t+3)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-8}{3}, \\ (0_1, (5k-3t-11)_1, (5k+3t+2)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-13}{3}. \end{array}$ For  $k \ge 10, k \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$  the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (5k-5)_1, (5k-4)_1), (0_1, (5k-7)_1, (5k-3)_1), (0_1, (3k-2)_1, (3k+3)_1),$  $(0_1, (3k+1)_1, (5k-2)_1), (0_1, (3k)_1, (5k-1)_1), (0_1, (3k-1)_1, (5k)_1),$  $(0_1, (3k+2)_1, (5k+2)_1),$  $(0_1, (5k-3t-6)_1, (5k+3t+3)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-7}{3}$ ,  $(0_1, (5k-3t-8)_1, (5k+3t+5)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-10}{3}$ .  $(0_1, (5k-t-10)_1, (5k+3t+1)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{3}{3}$ .

For  $k \geq 1$ , k odd, the base triples include the following:

 $(0_0, (6k)_0, (12k+2)_1), ((12k+2)_1, (6k+2)_1, 0_0).$ 

Also included are the following triples and their reverses:

 $(0_1, (12k+2)_0, (12k+3)_1), (0_0, 0_1, (12k+1)_1), (0_0, (3k)_1, (3k+1)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (3k-t-1)_1, (9k+t+3)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k-3$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k - t + 2)_1, (15k + t + 5)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k - 2$ .

The remaining triples in the cycle of length M are formed using a (B, 2k)-system. For k = 1 the remaining triples are the following:

 $(0_1, 8_1, 14_1), (1_1, 13_1, 27_1), (0_1, 5_1, 12_1), (0_1, 3_1, 7_1), (1_1, 9_1, 4_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 3$ , k odd, the base triples also include  $(0_1, (3k)_1, (6k)_1)$ , along with the following triples and their reverses:

 $(0_0, (6k+1)_1, (6k+3)_1), (0_1, (12k)_1, (24k+2)_1).$ 

For k = 3 the remaining triples are the following:

 $(0_1, 16_1, 36_1), (0_1, 14_1, 29_1), (0_1, 8_1, 13_1), (0_1, 11_1, 17_1), (0_1, 12_1, 19_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 5$ , k odd, the base triples also include the following triples and their reverses:

 $(0_1, (2k+3)_1, (4k+5)_1), (0_1, (4k+2)_1, (6k+2)_1), (0_1, (4k+3)_1, (6k+1)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (3k+1)_1, (3k+4)_1), (0_1, (3k+2)_1, (5k+3)_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1, (5k+2)_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1, (5k+2)_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1, (5k+3)_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1, (3k+3)_1, (3k+3)_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1$ 

 $(0_1, (3k+5)_1, (5k+1)_1), (0_1, (5k-1)_1, (5k+4)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (3k-t-1)_1, (3k+t+6)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, k-5$ .

For  $k \geq 7$ , k odd, the base triples also include the following and their reverses:

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_0, (5k-2t-3)_1, (5k+2t+5)_1) \text{ for } t=0,1,\ldots,\frac{k-7}{2}, \\ (0_0, (5k-2t)_1, (5k+2t+6)_1) \text{ for } t=0,1,\ldots,\frac{k-7}{2}. \end{array}$ 

**Lemma 5.3** If v = M + N and  $M \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$ , there exists a DTS(v) which admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles.

*Proof*: For k = 0, the base triples are  $(0_0, 0_1, 1_0), (0_0, 2_1, 2_0), (1_0, 4_1, 0_1), (1_0, 3_1, 9_1)$ 

and the following with their reverses:  $(0_1, 4_0, 5_1), (0_1, 1_1, 3_1)$ .

For  $k \geq 2$ , k even, the base triples include the following:

 $(0_0, (6k+2)_0, (12k+4)_1), ((12k+4)_1, (6k+1)_0, 0_0), ((6k+3)_1, 0_0, 0_1),$  $(0_1, 0_0, (18k + 7)_1).$ 

Also included are the following triples and their reverses:

 $(0_1, (12k+4)_0, (12k+5)_1), (0_0, (12k+3)_1, (12k+4)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (3k-t)_1, (9k+t+5)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k-2$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k - t + 4)_1, (15k + t + 6)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ .

The remaining triples in the cycle of length M are formed using an (A, 2k)-system. For k = 2, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, 6_1, 11_1), (0_1, 7_1, 9_1), (0_1, 8_1, 12_1), (0_1, 10_1, 13_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 4$ , k even, the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (2k+2)_1, (4k+2)_1), (0_1, (5k+1)_1, (5k+4)_1), (0_1, (3k+2)_1, (5k+3)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (3k+3)_1, (5k+2)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (5k-t-1)_1, (5k+t+5)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, k-4$ .

For k = 4, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, 11_1, 13_1), (0_1, 12_1, 17_1), (0_1, 16_1, 20_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 6$ , k even, the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (4k+1)_1, (5k)_1), (0_1, (\frac{5}{2}k+2)_1, (\frac{5}{2}k+4)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (\frac{5}{2}k - t + 1)_1, (\frac{7}{2}k + t + 2)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-4}{2}$ .

For k = 6, the remaining triples are  $(0_1, 18_1, 22_1)$  and its reverse.

For k = 8, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, 22_1, 24_1), (0_1, 23_1, 28_1), (0_1, 25_1, 29_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 10, k \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (3k+1)_1, (3k+5)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (3k-2t-1)_1, (3k+2t+4)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-8}{4}, (0_1, (3k-2t)_1, (3k+2t+7)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-12}{4}$ .

For  $k \ge 10, k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (3k)_1, (3k+4)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (3k-2t-2)_1, (3k+2t+5)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-10}{4},$  $(0_1, (3k-2t+1)_1, (3k+2t+6)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-10}{4}.$ 

For  $k \geq 1$ , k odd, the base triples include the following:

 $(0_0, (6k+2)_0, (12k+4)_1), ((12k+4)_1, (6k)_0, 0_0), (0_0, (6k+4)_1, (9k+4)_1), (9k+4)_1), (9k+4)_1), (0_0, (6k+4)_1, (9k+4)_1), (0_0, (9k+4)_1, (9k+4)_1, (9k+4)_1), (0_0, (9k+4)_1), (0_0,$  $((9k+4)_1, (6k+2)_1, 0_0).$ 

Also included are the following triples and their reverses:

 $(0_0, 0_1, (6k+3)_1), (0_1, (12k+4)_0, (12k+5)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (3k-t+1)_1, (15k+t+7)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k-1$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k - t + 3)_1, (21k + t + 10)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k - 2$ .

The remaining triples in the cycle of length M are formed using a (B, 2k)-system. For k = 1, the remaining triples are the following:

 $(0_1, 2_1, 5_1), (0_1, 7_1, 11_1), (0_1, 6_1, 10_1), (1_1, 7_1, 9_1), (7_1, 0_1, 8_1), (1_1, 12_1, 11_1).$ 

For k > 3, k odd, the base triples also include the following:  $((3k)_1, 0_1, (3k+2)_1), (0_1, 1_1, 2_1).$ 

Also included are the following triples and their reverses:

 $(0_1, (4k+3)_1, (6k+5)_1), (0_1, (4k+4)_1, (6k+4)_1).$ 

For k = 3, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 17_1, 20_1), (0_1, 10_1, 14_1), (0_1, 13_1, 18_1), (0_1, 12_1, 19_1).$ 

For k = 5, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 28_1, 31_1), (0_1, 27_1, 32_1), (0_1, 16_1, 20_1), (0_1, 13_1, 19_1), (0_1, 22_1, 29_1), (0_1, 22_1,$ 

 $(0_1, 18_1, 26_1), (0_1, 21_1, 30_1), (0_1, 14_1, 25_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 7$ , k odd, the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (3k+1)_1, (5k+2)_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1, (4k+2)_1), (0_1, (\frac{7}{2}k+\frac{3}{2})_1, (\frac{11}{2}k+\frac{1}{2})_1), (0_1, (\frac{7}{2}k+\frac{3}{2})_1, (\frac{11}{2}k+\frac{1}{2})_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1, (4k+2)_1), (0_1, (\frac{7}{2}k+\frac{3}{2})_1, (\frac{11}{2}k+\frac{1}{2})_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1, (4k+2)_1), (0_1, (\frac{7}{2}k+\frac{3}{2})_1, (\frac{11}{2}k+\frac{1}{2})_1), (0_1, (3k+3)_1, (4k+2)_1), (0_1, (\frac{7}{2}k+\frac{3}{2})_1, (\frac{11}{2}k+\frac{1}{2})_1), (0_1, (\frac{11}{2}$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (\frac{9}{2}k - t + \frac{7}{2})_1, (\frac{11}{2}k + t + \frac{7}{2})_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-3}{2}, \\ (0_1, (\frac{5}{2}k - t + \frac{3}{2})_1, (\frac{7}{2}k + t + \frac{5}{2})_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-3}{2}, \end{array}$ 

 $(0_1, (3k-t-1)_1, (3k+t+4)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-7}{2}$ .

For k = 7, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(3_1, 38_1, 41_1), (4_1, 36_1, 40_1).$ 

For k = 9, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 46_1, 52_1), (0_1, 48_1, 51_1), (0_1, 45_1, 49_1).$ 

For k = 11, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 56_1, 59_1), (0_1, 58_1, 62_1), (0_1, 54_1, 60_1), (0_1, 55_1, 63_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 13, k \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (5k+1)_1, (5k+5)_1), (0_1, (5k+3)_1, (5k+6)_1),$  $(0_1, (5k - 3t - 1)_1, (5k + 3t + 9)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-13}{6}$ 

 $(0_1, (5k-3t)_1, (5k+3t+8)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-13}{6}$ ,

 $(0_1, (5k-3t-2)_1, (5k+3t+4)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-13}{6}$ 

For  $k \geq 13, k \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (5k+1)_1, (5k+7)_1), (0_1, (5k+3)_1, (5k+6)_1), (0_1, (5k)_1, (5k+4)_1), (0_1, (5k+4)_1), (5k+4)_1), (0_1, (5k+4)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (5k - 3t - 2)_1, (5k + 3t + 10)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-15}{6}$ ,

 $(0_1, (5k - 3t - 1)_1, (5k + 3t + 9)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k - 15}{6}$ ,

 $\begin{array}{l} (01, (5k-3t-3)_1, (5k+3t+5)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k}{6}, \\ (01, (5k-3t-3)_1, (5k+3t+5)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-15}{6}. \end{array}$ 

For  $k \geq 13$ ,  $k \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (5k+1)_1, (5k+4)_1), (0_1, (5k+3)_1, (5k+7)_1), (0_1, (5k-1)_1, (5k+5)_1), (0_1, (5k+1)_1, (5k+5)_1), (0_1, (5k+1)_1, (5k+1)_1, (5k+1)_1), (0_1, (5k+1)_1),$  $(0_1, (5k)_1, (5k+8)_1),$ 

**Lemma 5.4** If v = M + N and  $M \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$ , there exists a DTS(v) which admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles.

*Proof*: Let M = 12k + 7, N = 24k + 14.

For k > 0, k even, the base triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 0_0, (12k+7)_1), (0_0, (9k+5)_1, (15k+9)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (3k - t + 1)_1, (9k + t + 6)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k - t + 4)_1, (15k + t + 10)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ ,

and the triples in the cycle of length M from the corresponding DTS(M) of a cyclic STS(M). The remaining triples in the cycle of length N are formed using an (A, 2k +1)-system.

For  $k \geq 1$ , k odd, the base triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 0_0, (12k+7)_1), (0_0, (3k+2)_1, (9k+5)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (3k-t+1)_1, (9k+t+6)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k - t + 4)_1, (15k + t + 10)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ ,

and the triples in the cycle of length M from the corresponding DTS(M) of a cyclic STS(M). The remaining triples in the cycle of length N are formed using a (B, 2k +1)-system.

**Lemma 5.5** If v = M + N and  $M \equiv 9 \pmod{12}$ , there exists a DTS(v) which admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles.

*Proof*: Let M = 12k + 9, N = 24k + 18.

For k > 0, k even, the base triples include the following:

 $(0_0, (6k+4)_0, (12k+8)_1), (1_0, (6k+5)_1, (18k+13)_1), (1_0, (6k+4)_1, (12k+9)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (6k+5)_1, (18k+15)_1), (1_0, (12k+8)_1, (6k+6)_1), (0_0, (6k+6)_1, (12k+7)_1).$ 

Also included are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_0, 2_1, (12k+9)_1), (0_1, (12k+8)_0, (12k+9)_1).$ 

The remaining triples in the cycle of length M are formed using an (A, 2k+1)-system. For k = 0, the remaining triples are the following:

 $(0_1, 3_1, 6_1), (6_1, 0_1, 2_1), (5_1, 0_1, 4_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 2$ , k even, the following are also included, along with their reverses:  $(0_0, (3k-t+1)_1, (9k+t+8)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k-2$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k-t+7)_1, (15k+t+11)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ .

For k = 2, the remaining triples are the following:

 $(31_1, 1_1, 18_1), (0_1, 29_1, 59_1), (29_1, 0_1, 14_1), (7_1, 0_1, 15_1), (0_1, 8_1, 6_1), (6_1, 0_1, 10_1),$ 

 $(0_1, 5_1, 9_1), (9_1, 0_1, 12_1), (10_1, 0_1, 11_1), (11_1, 12_1, 0_1), (5_1, 0_1, 3_1).$ 

For  $k \ge 4$ , k even, the base triples also include the following:

 $((6k+5)_1, 0_1, (6k+2)_1), ((6k+1)_1, 0_1, 3_1), ((6k-2)_1, (3k-1)_1, 0_1).$ 

For k = 4, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, 10_1, 12_1), (0_1, 13_1, 18_1), (0_1, 14_1, 20_1), (0_1, 15_1, 24_1), (0_1, 16_1, 23_1),$ 

 $(0_1, 17_1, 21_1), (0_1, 19_1, 27_1), (0_1, 53_1, 54_1).$ 

For k = 6, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 14_1, 27_1), (0_1, 15_1, 26_1), (0_1, 16_1, 25_1), (0_1, 18_1, 24_1), (0_1, 19_1, 23_1), (0_1, 20_1, 22_1), (0_1, 10_1, 20_1$  $(0_1, 21_1, 33_1), (0_1, 28_1, 36_1), (0_1, 29_1, 39_1), (0_1, 30_1, 35_1), (0_1, 31_1, 32_1), (0_1, 77_1, 155_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 8$ , k even, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (12k+5)_1, (12k+6)_1), (0_1, (4k+2)_1, (6k+3)_1), (0_1, (6k-5)_1, (6k-3)_1), \\ (0_1, (6k-4)_1, (6k)_1), (0_1, (6k-6)_1, (6k-1)_1), \\ (0_1, (3k-t-2)_1, (3k+t+5)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, k-4, \\ (0_1, (3k-t+4)_1, (5k+t-4)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \\ (0_1, (5k-t-5)_1, (5k+t+1)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, k-8. \end{array}$ 

For k > 1, k odd, the base triples include the following:  $(0_0, (6k+3)_0, (12k+8)_1), (1_0, (6k+4)_1, (18k+14)_1), (1_0, (6k+5)_1, (12k+9)_1),$  $(0_0, (6k+3)_1, (6k+5)_1), (0_1, 2_1, (12k+8)_1), ((12k+6)_1, 0_1, (6k+4)_1),$  $((3k+5)_1, 1_1, (3k-1)_1), (0_1, (3k-2)_1, (6k+2)_1), (0_1, 3_1, 6_1).$ Also included are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, (12k+8)_0, (12k+9)_1), (0_0, 0_1, (12k+7)_1),$  $(0_0, (3k-t+1)_1, (9k+t+7)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k-1$ ,  $(0_0, (9k - t + 6)_1, (15k + t + 11)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ . The remaining triples in the cycle of length M are formed using a (B, 2k+1)-system. For k = 1 the remaining triples are  $(0_1, 5_1, 9_1)$  and its reverse. For k = 3 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 16_1, 17_1), (0_1, 14_1, 18_1), (0_1, 10_1, 15_1), (0_1, 11_1, 19_1), (0_1, 12_1, 21_1).$ For k = 5 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 14_1, 26_1), (0_1, 15_1, 25_1), (0_1, 16_1, 23_1), (0_1, 17_1, 21_1), (0_1, 18_1, 27_1), (0_1, 18_1,$  $(0_1, 20_1, 28_1), (0_1, 22_1, 33_1), (0_1, 24_1, 29_1), (0_1, 30_1, 31_1).$ For k = 7 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 17_1, 31_1), (0_1, 18_1, 30_1), (0_1, 20_1, 29_1), (0_1, 21_1, 28_1), (0_1, 22_1, 27_1),$  $(0_1, 23_1, 39_1), (0_1, 24_1, 35_1), (0_1, 26_1, 41_1), (0_1, 32_1, 45_1), (0_1, 33_1, 43_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1, 33_1), (0_1, 33_1$  $(0_1, 34_1, 42_1), (0_1, 36_1, 40_1), (0_1, 37_1, 38_1).$ For k = 9 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 21_1, 37_1), (0_1, 22_1, 36_1), (0_1, 23_1, 35_1), (0_1, 24_1, 34_1), (0_1, 26_1, 33_1), (0_1, 26_1,$  $(0_1, 27_1, 32_1), (0_1, 28_1, 47_1), (0_1, 29_1, 49_1), (0_1, 30_1, 48_1), (0_1, 38_1, 53_1),$  $(0_1, 39_1, 52_1), (0_1, 41_1, 42_1), (0_1, 43_1, 51_1), (0_1, 44_1, 55_1), (0_1, 45_1, 54_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 54_1, 55_1), (0_1, 55_1), ($  $(0_1, 46_1, 50_1), (0_1, 40_1, 57_1).$ For k = 11 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 25_1, 47_1), (0_1, 26_1, 46_1), (0_1, 27_1, 45_1), (0_1, 28_1, 44_1), (0_1, 29_1, 43_1),$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1,25_1,47_1), (0_1,26_1,46_1), (\overline{0}_1,2\overline{7}_1,45_1), (0_1,28_1,44_1), (0_1,29_1,43_1), \\ (0_1,30_1,42_1), (0_1,32_1,40_1), (0_1,33_1,56_1), (0_1,34_1,58_1), (0_1,35_1,39_1), \\ (0_1,36_1,41_1), (0_1,38_1,57_1), (0_1,49_1,59_1), (0_1,48_1,69_1), (0_1,50_1,67_1), \\ (0_1,51_1,66_1), (0_1,52_1,65_1), (0_1,53_1,64_1), (0_1,54_1,63_1), (0_1,55_1,62_1), \\ (0_1,60_1,61_1). \end{array}$ 

For  $k \ge 13$ , k odd, the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (\frac{9}{2}k + \frac{9}{2})_1, (\frac{9}{2}k + \frac{11}{2})_1), (0_1, (4k+3)_1, (5k+3)_1), (0_1, (4k+2)_1, (6k+3)_1), \\ (0_1, (3k+2)_1, (5k+4)_1), (0_1, (3k+1)_1, (5k+1)_1), (0_1, (3k+6)_1, (5k+5)_1), \\ (0_1, (3k-1)_1, (3k+3)_1), (0_1, (3k)_1, (3k+5)_1), \\ (0_1, (3k-t-3)_1, (3k+t+7)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, k-6, \\ (0_1, (\frac{9}{2}k - t + \frac{3}{2})_1, (\frac{11}{2}k + t + \frac{7}{2})_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-5}{2}. \end{array}$ 

For k = 13 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 61_1, 72_1), (0_1, 62_1, 71_1), (0_1, 65_1, 73_1), (0_1, 67_1, 74_1).$ 

For k = 15 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 70_1, 83_1), (0_1, 71_1, 82_1), (0_1, 74_1, 81_1), (0_1, 75_1, 84_1), (0_1, 77_1, 85_1).$ 

For k = 17 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 79_1, 94_1), (0_1, 80_1, 93_1), (0_1, 83_1, 92_1), (0_1, 84_1, 91_1), (0_1, 85_1, 96_1), (0_1, 87_1, 95_1).$ 

For k = 19 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 88_1, 105_1), (0_1, 89_1, 104_1), (0_1, 92_1, 103_1), (0_1, 93_1, 101_1), (0_1, 94_1, 107_1), (0_1, 95_1, 102_1), (0_1, 97_1, 106_1).$ 

For k = 21 the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 97_1, 116_1), (0_1, 101_1, 112_1), (0_1, 103_1, 118_1), (0_1, 98_1, 115_1), (0_1, 102_1, 111_1), (0_1, 104_1, 117_1), (0_1, 105_1, 113_1), (0_1, 107_1, 114_1).$ 

For  $k \ge 23$ ,  $k \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

$$\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (5k)_1, (5k+11)_1), (0_1, (5k-2)_1, (5k+7)_1), (0_1, (5k-1)_1, (5k+6)_1), \\ (0_1, (5k+2)_1, (5k+10)_1), \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-6)_1, (5k+4t+9)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-17}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-5)_1, (5k+4t+8)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-17}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-4)_1, (5k+4t+15)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-25}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-3)_1, (5k+4t+14)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-25}{8}. \end{array}$$

For  $k \ge 23$ ,  $k \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ , the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (5k-1)_1, (5k+12)_1), (0_1, (5k-3)_1, (5k+8)_1), (0_1, (5k+2)_1, (5k+11)_1), \\ (0_1, (5k)_1, (5k+7)_1), (0_1, (5k-2)_1, (5k+6)_1), \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-7)_1, (5k+4t+10)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-19}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-6)_1, (5k+4t+9)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-19}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-5)_1, (5k+4t+16)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-27}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-4)_1, (5k+4t+15)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-27}{8}. \end{array}$ 

For  $k \ge 23$ ,  $k \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (5k)_1, (5k+8)_1), (0_1, (5k+2)_1, (5k+9)_1), \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-4)_1, (5k+4t+7)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-13}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-3)_1, (5k+4t+6)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-21}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-2)_1, (5k+4t+13)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-21}{8}, \\ (0_1, (5k-4t-1)_1, (5k+4t+12)_1) \text{ for } t=0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-21}{8}, \end{array}$ 

For  $k \ge 23$ ,  $k \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ , the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1,(5k)_1,(5k+9)_1),(0_1,(5k-1)_1,(5k+6)_1),(0_1,(5k+2)_1,(5k+10)_1),\\ (0_1,(5k-4t-5)_1,(5k+4t+8)_1) \mbox{ for } t=0,1,\ldots,\frac{k-15}{8},\\ (0_1,(5k-4t-4)_1,(5k+4t+7)_1) \mbox{ for } t=0,1,\ldots,\frac{k-23}{8},\\ (0_1,(5k-4t-3)_1,(5k+4t+14)_1) \mbox{ for } t=0,1,\ldots,\frac{k-23}{8},\\ (0_1,(5k-4t-2)_1,(5k+4t+13)_1) \mbox{ for } t=0,1,\ldots,\frac{k-23}{8}. \end{array}$ 

**Lemma 5.6** If v = M + N and  $M \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$ , there exists a DTS(v) which admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles.

*Proof:* Let M = 12k + 11, N = 24k + 22.

For k > 0, k even, the base triples include the following:

 $(0_0, (6k+5)_0, (12k+10)_1), ((12k+10)_1, (6k+4)_0, 0_0), (0_0, 0_1, (6k+6)_1),$  $(0_1, (18k + 16)_1, 0_0).$ 

Also included are the following, along with their reverses:

 $((21k+19)_1, 0_0, (9k+8)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (3k - t + 2)_1, (15k + t + 14)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k + 1$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k - t + 7)_1, (21k + t + 20)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ .

The remaining triples in the cycle of length M are formed using an (A, 2k+1)-system. The remaining triples in the cycle of length N are formed using a (B, 2k+2)-system.

For k > 1, k odd, the base triples include the following:

 $(0_0, (6k+5)_0, (12k+10)_1), ((12k+10)_1, (6k+3)_0, 0_0),$ 

 $(0_1, (6k+6)_0, (12k+11)_1), (1_1, (6k+5)_0, (12k+12)_1).$ 

Also included are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_0, (3k+2)_1, (6k+4)_1), (0_0, 0_1, (6k+6)_1),$ 

 $(0_0, (3k - t + 1)_1, (15k + t + 14)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ ,

 $(0_0, (9k - t + 8)_1, (21k + t + 20)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, 3k$ .

The remaining triples in the cycle of length M are formed using a (B, 2k+1)-system.

For k = 1, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, 6_1, 9_1), (0_1, 7_1, 8_1), (0_1, 10_1, 14_1), (0_1, 11_1, 13_1).$ 

For  $k \geq 3$ , k odd, the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (3k+3)_1, (3k+6)_1), (0_1, (3k+4)_1, (3k+5)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (3k-t+1)_1, (3k+t+7)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, k-2$ .

For k = 3, the remaining triples are the following, along with their reverses:  $(0_1, 19_1, 26_1), (0_1, 20_1, 25_1), (0_1, 18_1, 22_1), (0_1, 21_1, 23_1).$ 

For k > 5,  $k \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ , the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (5k+5)_1, (5k+9)_1), (0_1, (5k+6)_1, (5k+8)_1),$ 

 $(0_1, (5k - 3t + 3)_1, (5k + 3t + 12)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-4}{3}$ ,

 $\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (5k-3t+3)_1, (5k+3t+12)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{3}{3}, \\ (0_1, (5k-3t+4)_1, (5k+3t+11)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-4}{3}, \\ (0_1, (5k-3t+2)_1, (5k+3t+7)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-4}{3}. \end{array}$ 

For  $k \ge 5$ ,  $k \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ , the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

 $(0_1, (5k+3)_1, (5k+7)_1), (0_1, (5k+6)_1, (5k+8)_1),$  $(0_1, (5k - 3t + 4)_1, (5k + 3t + 11)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-3}{3}$  $(0_1, (5k - 3t + 5)_1, (5k + 3t + 10)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-3}{3}$ ,  $(0_1, (5k-3t)_1, (5k+3t+9)_1)$  for  $t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-6}{3}$ .

For  $k \geq 5$ ,  $k \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , the base triples also include the following, along with their reverses:

$$\begin{array}{l} (0_1, (5k+4)_1, (5k+9)_1), (0_1, (5k+6)_1, (5k+10)_1), (0_1, (5k+5)_1, (5k+7)_1), \\ (0_1, (5k-3t+2)_1, (5k+3t+13)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-5}{3}, \\ (0_1, (5k-3t+3)_1, (5k+3t+12)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-5}{3}, \\ (0_1, (5k-3t+1)_1, (5k+3t+8)_1) \text{ for } t = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{k-5}{3}. \end{array}$$

## 6 Conclusion

By the lemmas in the previous sections, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.1** There exists a DTS(v) which admits a bicyclic antiautomorphism where v = M + N, N = 2M, M and N being the lengths of the cycles, if and only if M is odd or  $M \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$ .

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